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Applicant : Roger A. de la Torre et al. Filed : October 23, 2001
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Docket No.: SPC-5069CNT6 Customer No. : 000027777

Title : **LAPROSCOPIC ACCESS PORT FOR SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS OR THE HAND**

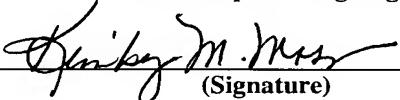
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the Associate Power of Attorney, previously filed for this case on October 13, 2003, giving power of attorney to the undersigned is enclosed herewith. In response to the Office action of March 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.